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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

SHIFF et al.

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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued April 2, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2, 5, and 9 and enter the following claims.

--10. In a continuous flow centrifuge apparatus, the improvement comprising the addition of a filtration column of particulate material, wherein said particulate material is selected from the group consisting of graded glass beads of 120-50 μm and fine sand of 200-50 μm and the column is at least about 7 cm in height.

11. A continuous flow centrifuge apparatus which is adapted to include a filtration column of particulate material having a size range of 120-50 μm .

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